

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

INTRODUCED BY JENT

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING "TAXIDERMIST"; INCREASING THE ANNUAL TAXIDERMIST'S LICENSE FEE FROM \$15 TO ~~\$75~~ \$50; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-4-201, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 87-4-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-4-201. Taxidermist's license, fee, and penalty Regulation of taxidermists. A (1) As used in this section, "taxidermist" means a person who engages in conducting any taxidermy business, as the term is generally understood, or any person who conducts a business for the purpose of mounting, preserving, or preparing any all or part of the dead bodies of any wildlife or any part thereof.

(2) Before conducting the business of a taxidermist, a taxidermist shall must first obtain from the director department a taxidermist's license and pay an annual license fee of ~~\$15 therefor~~ \$75 \$50.

(3) Such person A taxidermist shall keep a written record of all the articles of wildlife in his the taxidermist's possession or control, including the following information:

(a) the kind and number of each; article of wildlife;

(b) by whom owned, and the the name and residence of the owner; of the article of wildlife; and

(c) all the articles of wildlife shipped and to whom and where shipped.

(4) The above taxidermist shall keep the written record shall be kept required under subsection (3) for as long as such the articles of wildlife remain in the possession of the licensee taxidermist but in any event or at least 5 years, whichever is longer. These records shall must be open to inspection by any state game a warden at any reasonable time.

(5) In all cases of Upon conviction of for a violation of this section, the taxidermist's license of the person convicted may be revoked by the court."

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